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Re: HQ-2019-01031-F

Dear Mr. Sai:

This is an interim response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

All emails:

1. from or to any email address, used in official capacity, of any person who, within 30 days of the time of the email, worked for:

- i) agency headquarters,
- ii) agency public relations,
- iii) agency counsel's office, or
- iv) any other component that regularly communicates with members of the press; and

2. containing any of the following phrases, regardless of capitalization or other minor variations:

- i) "on the record",
- ii) "off the record",
- iii) "on background",
- iv) "on deep background",
- v) "not for attribution",
- vi) "Chatham House rule",
- vii) "lobby terms", or
- viii) any synonymous phrases;

and

3. that is in its original, native format (see below for details), as contained in either:

- i) the agency's email / legal retention database(s) (such as Google Vault or similar service),
- or



ii) the agency's email server(s) / database(s), searched directly.

For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(4), as an "other" requestor. In this category, you are entitled to two free hours of search time and 100 free pages. At this time, it has not yet been determined if fees will exceed \$15.00, the minimum amount at which DOE assesses fees. As you requested in your letter, you will be notified for a fee agreement if your fees will exceed \$15.00.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Please refer to the above referenced number in any communications with DOE about the request. If you have any questions about the processing of your request or this letter, you may contact Ms. Anjelica Ruda of my office at MA-46/Forrestal building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at 202-287-6745.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

Alexander C. Morris

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